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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Frederick Byergo on his  
4 retirement as the Cook Memorial Public Library District  
5 Director; and

6           WHEREAS, Frederick Byergo, Cook Memorial Public Library  
7 District's Director, announced his retirement to the Board of  
8 Trustees on Tuesday, August 1, 2006; he started as Head  
9 Librarian in September of 1968; and

10           WHEREAS, The main library was in the Cook Mansion and the  
11 Children's Department was housed in a storefront; as Head  
12 Librarian, Mr. Byergo's first challenge was to organize the  
13 33,000 volumes of books into one collection and move all the  
14 materials to the Cook Memorial Library; today, Cook Memorial  
15 Public Library District ranks eighth in the State in  
16 circulation, holds over 300,000 items of many formats, and  
17 annually loans nearly 1.3 million items to library cardholders;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, Over a span of 38 years, Frederick Byergo has led  
20 the library from a lean staff of 13 to group of over a 140; he  
21 has overseen the library changing from being a township to a  
22 district in 1973; annexing areas of northern Vernon Township to

1 the district; introducing the first automated circulation  
2 system in 1974; adding 5,000 square feet of public space in  
3 1984; debuting the first public Internet stations in 1995;  
4 opening an Audiovisual Department in 1996; and launching the  
5 Evergreen Interim Library in 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, After his retirement Frederick Byergo plans to  
7 explore the Great Lakes on his sailboat; he is also looking  
8 forward to having time to devote to charity projects, including  
9 wilderness conservation, animal welfare, and maritime history;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate Frederick Byergo on his retirement as the Cook  
14 Memorial Public Library District Director; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to Frederick Byergo as a symbol of our esteem.